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H. R. 1842

To amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to prevent acid mine drainage into the Great Lakes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 29, 2007

Mr. STUPAK introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. PURPOSE.

The purpose of this Act is to protect the water quality of the Great Lakes from the harmful effects of acid mine drainage.

SEC. 2. UNDERGROUND INJECTION CONTROL PROGRAM.

Section 1421(b) of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300h(b)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

''(4)(A) The regulations of the Administrator under this section shall prohibit—

''(i) in the case of a program for authorization of underground injection by permit, the issuance of a permit for any underground injection associated with the mining of a sulfide ore body within 20 miles of any of the Great Lakes unless the applicant for the permit demonstrates to the satisfaction of the State (or the Administrator in the case of a program prescribed under section 1422(c)) that the mining activity will not result in acid mine drainage into the Great Lakes; and

''(ii) in the case of a program which provides for such an authorization by rule, the promulgation of a rule that authorizes an underground injection described in clause (i).

''(B) In this paragraph—

''(i) the term 'Great Lakes' means Lake Ontario, Lake Erie, Lake Huron (including Lake St. Clair), Lake Michigan, and Lake Superior, and the connecting channels (Saint Mary's River, Saint Clair River, Detroit River, Niagara River, and Saint Lawrence River to the Canadian Border); and

''(ii) term 'sulfide ore body' means a mineral deposit in which metals are mixed with sulfide minerals.''.

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